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Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

In the above-referenced case, the Examiner sets forth a Statement of Reasons for Allowance. The reasons set forth by the Examiner refer to only some of the features in independent claim 36. However, those features and/or elements recited by the Examiner fail to address all of the various other features of the allowed claims. Furthermore, those reasons also

fail to address all of the allowed claims. Therefore, the claims are allowable for other reasons in addition to those specifically set forth in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Each of the independent claims recites additional patentable features, or combinations of features, not mentioned by the Examiner. Furthermore, each of the dependent claims includes additional patentable features, or combinations of features, not mentioned by the Examiner, which define over the prior art. Accordingly, each of those dependent claims is believed to be allowable based upon its base independent claim and also upon those other features recited in those various dependent claims that are not discussed herein. Therefore, the claims are allowable for reasons beyond those stated. .

If the Examiner disagrees with any of these comments, he is respectfully requested to provide further explanation on the record.

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due in connection with this submission. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,
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